The Helpers of Madinah

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Baba and Mansoor sit in their garden, watching the birds chirping in the trees. Mansoor looks up at his father with curiosity.

Mansoor: Baba, I heard my teacher talking about the Ansar today. Who were they?

Baba: That's a great question, my dear! The Ansar were the people of Madinah who welcomed the Prophet ﷺ and the Muhajirun—those who migrated from Makkah. They helped them, shared their homes, and treated them like family.

Mansoor: That sounds so kind! But why did the Prophet ﷺ and his companions leave Makkah?

Baba: The people of Makkah were making life very hard for the Muslims. They were not letting them worship Allah freely. So Allah commanded the Prophet ﷺ and his companions to move to Madinah, where the people had open hearts and strong faith.

Mansoor: Oh! So the Ansar helped them when they needed it most?

Baba: Exactly! And do you know what the Prophet ﷺ said about them?

Mansoor: What did he say, Baba?

Baba: He said, "Love for the Ansar is a sign of faith, and hatred for the Ansar is a sign of hypocrisy." (Sahih Bukhari)

Mansoor: That means loving them is part of being a good Muslim!

Baba: Yes! Because they showed the best example of kindness, generosity, and faith. They didn't just say they believed—they proved it with their actions.

Mansoor: Baba, can we be like the Ansar today?

Baba: Of course, my son! We can help others, share what we have, and always be kind, just like the Ansar were. Whenever we help someone, Allah is pleased with us.

Mansoor: Then I want to be like the Ansar! I'll share my toys with my friends and help my classmates when they need me.

Baba: MashAllah! That is the spirit of a true believer. May Allah always make you kind and helpful.